

the bill, and the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S3169**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's intent to add the Solomon Islands to the list of least-developed beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM—44) **Page S3143**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kelly Harrison Rankin, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—108) **Pages S3118, S3119, S3119–20, S3122**

Recess: Senate convened at 12:45 p.m. and recessed at 6:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 18, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3170.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FAA SAFETY AND MODERNIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) safety and modernization performance, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Sturgell, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the United States Bureau of Reclamation, focusing on issues associated with aging water resource infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Robert W. Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Mayor Todd Cutler, Fernley, Nevada; Major General Charles I. McGinnis, USA (Ret.), United States Army Corps of Engineers, Charlottesville, Virginia, on behalf of the National Research Council; Thomas F. Donnelly, National Water Resources Association, Arlington, Virginia; Wesley Randal Reed, St. Mary Rehabilitation Working Group, Chinook, Montana; and Tony Willardson, Western States Water Council, Midvale, Utah, on behalf of the Western Governors' Association (WGA).

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Deanna Tanner Okun, of Idaho, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Roberts, David Gustafson, of Virginia, Richard T. Morrison, of Virginia, and Elizabeth Crewson Paris, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Grassley, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, and Edwin Eck, of Montana, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, both of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FUSION CENTERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine the national strategy for information sharing relating to fusion centers—collaborative efforts to detect, prevent, investigate, and respond to criminal terrorist activity, focusing on a recent progress report from federal, state, and local agencies, after receiving testimony from Eileen R. Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Vance E. Hitch, Chief Information Officer, Department of Justice; Jack Thomas Tomarchio, Deputy Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis; Captain Charles W. Rapp, Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC), Baltimore; Matthew Bettenhausen, California Governor's Office of Homeland Security, Sacramento; and Russell M. Porter, Iowa Department of Public Safety, Des Moines.

NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Indian Gaming Commission, after receiving testimony from Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Delia Carlyle, Arizona Indian Gaming Association, Phoenix, on behalf of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council; J.R. Matthews, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Quapaw, Oklahoma; Mark Van Norman, National Indian Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; Brian Patterson, United

South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; Kurt Luger, Great Plains Indian Gaming Association, Bismarck, North Dakota; and Kathryn R.L. Rand and Steven Light, both of the University of North Dakota Institute for the Study of Tribal Gaming Law and Policy, Grand Forks.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 5828–5855; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 330–331; and H. Res. 1117–1123 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–591);

H.R. 831, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–592);

H.R. 3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area (H. Rept. 110–593); and

H.R. 3928, to require certain large government contractors that receive more than 80 percent of their annual gross revenue from Federal contracts to disclose the names and salaries of their most highly compensated officers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–594).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the Senate Chaplain.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

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Reception in the House Chamber to Receive Former Members of Congress: The House recessed to receive the United States Association of Former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Later, agreed to the Braley motion that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the Record.

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Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 5715, to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families, by a yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 27 nays, Roll No. 204. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, April 16th.

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Accepted:

Petri amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–590), modified by unanimous consent, that requires the Secretary of Education to review and revise as necessary the regulations concerning prohibited guaranty agency inducements to eligible lenders;

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Castle amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–590) that requires the General Accountability Office to conduct a study of the impact of raising loan limits on (1) tuition, fees, and room and board at institutions of higher education; and (2) private loan borrowing for attendance at institutions of higher education;

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Castor amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–590) that temporarily classifies medical